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FOR DANIEL GOOTT, EUR LABOR ADVISER

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SUBJECT: DUBLIN CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE WORKERS, MARCH  
22-26

1. APPROXIMATELY 300 DELEGATES FROM 60 COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED  
IN DUBLIN FOR THE SECOND QUADRENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEXTILE, GARMENT AND LEATHER  
WORKERS (ITGLW) MARCH 22-26 INTERNATIONAL TRADE, MNC'S,  
AND THE FUTURE OF THE TEXTILE, GARMENT AND LEATHER INDUSTRIES  
WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS ON THE CONGRESS AGENDA.  
CHARLES FORD, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL, ALSO  
ANTICIPATES THAT RESOLUTIONS DEALING WITH FURTHER LIBERALIZATION  
IN SPAIN AND WITH TRADE UNION FREEDOMS ELSEWHERE, WILL BE  
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ADOPTED.

2. THE LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEXTILE AND GARMENT WORKERS IS EXPECTED TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP "EN BLOC" IN THE INTERNATIONAL AND FORD BELIGES THE APPLICATION WILL RECEIVE UNANIMOUS CONGRESS APPROVAL. LARGE US AND LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

3. THE FIVE MILLION MEMBER ITGLW IS THE PRODUCT OF A 1970 MERGER BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE AND GARMENT WORKERS FEDERATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SHOE AND LEATHER WORKERS. UNTIL 1960 THERE HAD ALSO BEEN SEPARATE FEDERATIONS OF TEXTILE AND GARMENT WORKERS.

4. GERMAN TEXTILE UNION LEADER KARL BUSCHMANN IS EXPECTED TO BE REELECTED ITGLW PRESIDENT BUT CONGRESS WILL HAVE TO FILL VACANCIES CAUSED BY THE RETIREMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S TWO VICE PRESIDENTS. FORD, AND ENGLISHMAN, IS EXPECTED TO BE REELECTED OR REAPPOINTED GENERAL SECRETARY DEPENDING ON PROCEDURES FOLLOWED.  
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